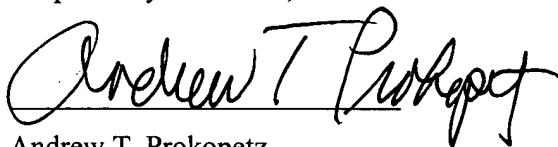


Remarks

The Official Action mailed October 15, 2004 has been reviewed and the comments of the PTO carefully considered. Applicant has provisionally elected Group 1, with traverse. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the requirement for restriction and requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement. Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction on the basis that the groups are not patentably distinct from one another. In addition, Applicant has amended claim 27 to correct a typographical error. It is respectfully submitted that the present claims are in condition for allowance. Should there be any questions regarding this application, Examiner Nelson is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number shown below.

Respectfully submitted,

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